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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OAU

SUBJ: ZIMBABWE ISSUE IN OAU POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1. OAU POLITICAL COMMITTEE TOOK UP ZIMBABWE ISSUE JUNE 27 AND WAS ADDRESSED BY SPEAKERS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

2. WHILE SPEAKERS WERE ENJOINED TO LIMIT DISCUSSION TO INFORMATION CONCERNING LIBERATION ACTIVITIES AND SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED NOT TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT, BISHOP MUZOREWA USED OCCASION TO TAKE OFFENSIVE. SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES, MUZOREWA ARGUED THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT CONTENTION THAT ANC ZIMBABWE DID NOT HAVE ARMY WAS NOT TRUE AND STATED ANC IS ALSO ENGAGED IN ARMED STRUGGLE. HE STATED HE HAD PROBLEM AND ASKED RHETORICALLY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S WISHES RE ANC. WAS HE TO DISBAND ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD SUPPORT OF 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, HE ASKED. (COMMENT: HIS QUESTION NOT ANSWERED BY COMMITTEE.)

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3. PATRIOTIC FRONT SPOKESMAN GAVE STATISTICS ON INCREASE IN WHITE RHODESIAN EMIGRES AND REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF FRONT. HE STRESSED FRONT'S MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND EXPRESSED FRONT'S COMMITMENT TO ARMED STRUGGLE AS ONLY SOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECEIVING REPORTS OF INTENSE

LOBBYING BY ZAIRE, GAMBIA, MOROCCO, IVORY COAST AND
MAURITANIA AGAINST OAU RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC
FRONT AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.
SPECULATION MOUNTING ON CLASH BETWEEN MODERATES AND
RADICALS OVER THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD STORY
OF POSSIBLE SPLIT BETWEEN JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT
MUGABE, WITH RUMOR HAVING MUGABE DISGRUNTLED OVER
SOVIET EFFORTS TO INSTALL NKOMO AND TURNING TO CHINESE
FOR SUPPORT. THIS STORY, HOWEVER, IS STILL UNCONFIRMED.
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